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THE budget for work on the Kennington Roundabout and Hinksey Hill Interchange has risen by £1.8m, it has been revealed.

By **Adam Flinn**

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A report discussed by Oxfordshire County Council cabinet members on Tuesday shows that the increase was approved by council leader Ian Hudspeth (inset) last month.

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County council increase roundabout budget by £1.8m

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Hospice youngsters get night at the zoo

CHILDREN with disabilities were given the opportunity to get up close with animals at Cotswold Wildlife Park earlier this month.

The park's Dreamnight At The Zoo event saw children from Oxford hospice Helen & Douglas House, as well as others from local charities ROSY and Special-Effect, visit the zoo after hours.

They had the chance to meet some of the animals, watch bird of prey displays and listen to live music during the evening on June 6.

Kate Barklie, clinical volunteer coordinator at Helen & Douglas House, said: "It was a wonderful special evening out for the families, all provided so generously."

"It was a great opportunity for the children to have fun as a group and for the mums and dads to catch up."

"The Helen & Douglas House philosophy is to make the most of every day and we cannot thank Cotswold Wildlife Park enough for giving families the chance to have this time together."

Chloe Harris was one of the youngsters who visited the zoo,

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and had the chance to get up and close with the birds of prey.

Her mum Sally said: "It was the most wonderful evening. We had such a lovely time as a family."

"Chloe stayed awake all evening - a sure sign she was enjoying herself."

"Things like this are so special. We become 'normal' families for an evening where we don't have to vie for space or have people staring at us."

"It's also a lovely way to catch up with other families who we only see occasionally."

This was the first year that Cotswold Wildlife Park joined in with Dreamnight, and it was well-received from children and their carers from across the county.

"Dreamnight was a joy to organise," said event organiser Hayley Rothwell.

"Being able to share the park and animals with the children and their families for a night like this is such a rewarding feeling."



• Findlay Middleton meets the penguins at Cotswold Wildlife Park

OxonBike is back on the road after hiatus

OXFORD'S answer to London's Boris Bikes returns to the city's streets today.

Oxfordshire County Council and Surrey-based HourBike have joined forces to re-launch the OxonBike scheme.

After last summer's initial launch,

previous operator Grand Scheme Bike Share Ltd went into liquidation in November.

However, 30 bicycles will be available to hire from seven locations around Headington from today, helping to link Thornhill Park and Ride with employers in

the suburb.

David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport on the county council, said: "I am delighted that OxonBike will be on the road once more."

"When the scheme launched last year around 500 people

signed up, so I am sure that those people will be very keen to get back in the saddle."

OxonBike is a pilot scheme, funded by the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

Registration for the scheme costs £1 while the first half an hour on the bike is free.

Bikes can be picked up and returned to Thornhill Park and Ride, The John Radcliffe Hospital, London Road, University of Oxford Old Road campus, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Churchill Hospital and Oxford Brookes' Gypsy Lane site.

• David Nimmo Smith (front) with Angela Lee from the John Radcliffe Hospital (left) and James Gagg from Oxford Brookes University (Picture courtesy of Oxfordshire County Council)

**News Bites**

Smith reopens city Post Office

ST ALDATE'S: Oxford East MP Andrew Smith formally opened the refurbished branch of the Post Office in St Aldate's last Thursday.

A number of Post Office branches have been revamped in recent weeks, with the St Aldate's store now having longer opening hours and self-service kiosks.

"The modernisation of the branch is good news for the community," said Mr Smith.

Charity tin stolen from restaurant

BOTLEY: Police are appealing for witnesses after a man stole money from the charity boxes at the McDonalds restaurant in Botley Road, Oxford.

Between 3.40am and 4.10am on June 10, an offender smashed a window at the front of the building to gain entry.

Once inside, the man targeted tills and charity boxes before stealing a small amount of money.

Thames Valley Police say the offender was a white man who was wearing a high visibility jacket.

Witnesses to the incident should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Jayden's father dies before trial

OXON: Jayden Parkinson's father suffered a fatal heart attack last Thursday.

Paul Parkinson's death comes as Ben Blakeley, 22, is due to stand trial at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow, accused of Jayden's murder.

The 17-year-old's body was found in a grave at Great Western Cemetery, Didcot, in December last year.

Blakeley has admitted manslaughter and perverting the course of justice, but denies murder.

A 17-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, will also face trial and is accused of perverting the course of justice.

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Kennington roundabout budget rises by £1.8m

• From front page

Work at the roundabouts, along with the refurbishment of four bridges, had been expected to cost £6m.

But this has risen following the need to move a water main, additional costs for subcontractors, and the relocation of orchids.

The budget increase was approved by Cllr Hudspeth to ensure that the project, which began on June 9, would be finished before Christmas.

Cllr Hudspeth said: "A lot of it is to do with the work by Thames Water, and we're trying to do some additional work as well with a bus lane going in."

"As so often happens in these sort of cases, the initial scheme comes out with the starting price, then you actually get on site and see the particular big things like the water main issue."

"The orchids weren't the main condition, it was one of those side issues. We are having to do it

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because of them, but it's not the reason for the overspend."

The work at Kennington Roundabout will see a new carriageway for eastbound traffic going through the central island in a 'hamburger' style, while the westbound carriageway will be widened.

A slip-road at the Hinksey Hill Interchange will allow traffic coming from Oxford on to the A34 to avoid the traffic lights.

Four bridges between Heyford Hill and Hinksey Hill are also being resurfaced.

Cllr Hudspeth added: "It's important that we get this, because the split roundabout will improve the capacity of the southern ring road, and up to the Hinksey Hill Interchange it will improve traffic flow as well."

"It's a much-needed project."



• Work at Kennington roundabout began on June 9 (Picture by Adam Flinn)

News Bites

Phone snatched from teenager as she waits at Cowley bus stop

COWLEY: Police wish to thank two men who reclaimed a phone that was snatched from a teenage girl on Barns Road on June 7.

The incident happened at 11.20am, with the offender running off towards the Grates after taking the phone from her hand.

Two men saw the distressed victim and chased after the man, returning the phone to the teenager.

Det Con Charlotte Dunford said: "We are appealing for witnesses to the incident and also to the two men who chased the offender, to thank them for helping the witness."

"We are also keen to speak to a man who spoke to the victim after the offence."

The offender was around 30-years-old with short brown curly hair and facial stubble.

Call 101, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Smart glasses to be tested in city

OXFORD: Smart glasses developed at Oxford University for the registered blind are being tested across the city.

The glasses are said to be able to help people with limited vision navigate and avoid walking into obstacles.

A transparent electronic display where the lenses would be, give simple images of nearby people and obstacles.

New food waste campaign is a 'win-win' for everyone



IF you are feeling full at a restaurant and cannot finish your meal, there is now no need to let your food go to waste.

Earlier this week Oxfordshire County Council launched 'Too Good to Waste', a new initiative to prevent food being left on plates in restaurants.

One hundred restaurants across the county have been provided with free eco-friendly boxes to offer people the chance to take home the rest of their meal.

The project is funded by the county council and managed by facilities management company Low Carbon Maintenance & Buildings (LCMB).

David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for the environment, said the initiative will "tackle plate waste head on".

He added: "The result of this campaign is a 'win-win' – restaurants demonstrate their commitment to sustainability and

reduce their waste disposal bill. Diners get to continue the enjoyment of a tasty meal."

• (Front) FoodWISE project officer at the county council Helen Ramsey, with (from left to right) John O'Brien, Sam Brown and Chloe Craughan from LCMB, Turl Street Kitchen venue manager Charis Sharpe and Gio Bagordo from the Low Carbon Hub

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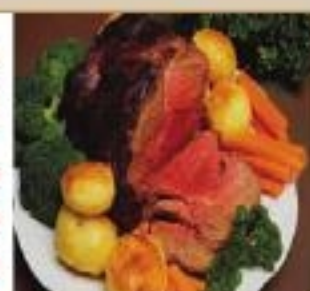
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OxVox project a success as club crests are put up

OXFORD United's home ground will look a little different from now on after club crests were installed on the outside of the Kassam Stadium on Monday.

Former Oxford United chairman Firoz Kassam, who still owns the stadium, personally approved the installation of the crests.

The project was driven and funded by supporters' trust OxVox.

Committee member Andy Wilmer said: "We're delighted that we've been able to help make this project happen as we are committed to promoting our club and its achievements for all fans to enjoy."

Club chairman Ian Lenagan added he was "grateful" to Oxvox members and Kassam's Firoka company for taking on the "effort to improve the look of the outside of the stands".

Mr Kassam said he was "delighted" to offer his support.

"The Kassam Stadium is the home of Oxford United and it's great to see Oxford's colours on proud display around the ground," he said.



'You will remain in our hearts'

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THE family of a woman killed in a collision on the M40 near Bicester last Friday have paid tribute to "a loving wife, mum and daughter".

Joanna Bull, 29, from Kenilworth in Warwickshire, was on her way to visit her mother in Oxford, and was travelling with her five-week-old daughter Ruby.

She was preparing to meet her newborn cousin Harry, who had been born two days previously.

Her Peugeot 406 estate collided with an articulated lorry at around 11.20am on the southbound carriageway near junction nine.

Joanna was pronounced dead at the scene, while Ruby was airlifted to hospital for precautionary checks, but was not believed to have been injured.

Her family released a statement on Saturday, which read: "Jo was a loving wife, mum, daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece and

friend to so many, and loved by all who knew her.

"Jo was vibrant, beautiful, and caring in so many ways. A girl who added zest to a room and who had found true love and happiness with her husband of just one year, Dave.

"To have her taken from her family at such a happy time is utterly unbearable.

"Jo, we never had the chance to say a proper goodbye, but we will never forget how much fun and laughter you brought into all our lives.

"You will remain in our hearts and memories always."

The southbound M40 was closed for several hours following the collision, leading to lengthy tailbacks and heavy traffic in the area.

Thames Valley Police are continuing to appeal for witnesses to the collision, and anyone with information is asked to contact PC Phil Hanham from Roads Policing on 101, quoting URN 559 from June 13.



• Joanna Bull was killed in a collision on the M40 last Friday

News Bites

Summer raves

OXON: Farmers and land-owners are being urged to remain vigilant this summer to the possibility of illegal raves being organised on their land.

Police say signs of illegal raves are vehicles driving off-road, groups congregating in rural areas and loud music from remote woodland.

Ch Insp Jim Weems said: "Thames Valley Police will take a robust line with illegal rave activity.

"Anyone considering holding or attending this type of event should reconsider their intentions carefully."

Autism school

OXON: A new school designed to help children on the Autism spectrum is holding open days this weekend.

This Saturday and Sunday, LVS Oxford at Begbroke Abbey, which opens in September, will be holding open days to show prospective pupils and parents what it will have to offer.

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The county's finest

TWENTY-ONE Oxfordshire residents and two people who work in the county were featured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, published last Friday.

Knighthoods

- Professor Colin Brian Blake-more – services to scientific research, policy and outreach
- Professor John Bernard Pethica – services to science
- Professor Richard Rustom Kharsedji – services to philosophical scholarship

CBEs

- Professor Martin Biddle – services to archaeology
- Sonny Leong – for political service

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- Amanda Sara Cooper – for services to policing in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire
- Anne Kelaart – for services to the rural community in Oxfordshire
- Professor Polly Roy – for services to viral research
- John Andrew Simpson – for services to literature
- Group captain Victoria Patricia Gosling MBE

MBEs

- Robin Aitken – for services to vulnerable people

- Sally Frances Badham – for services to the conservation of church monuments
- Thomas David Cairns – for services to vulnerable people
- David Snowden – for services to health and safety at work and for charitable services in Oxfordshire

British Empire Medal

- Anthony James Betteridge – for services to basketball
- Ronald Stanley Bridle – for services to the communities in Goring, Oxfordshire, and Stratley, Berkshire
- Carole Charlton – for services to older people
- June Geraldine Keep – for services to kidney patients in Oxfordshire
- Janice Veronica Markey – for services to the community in Harwell, Oxfordshire
- Gary Norman Mattingley – for services to protecting communities from flooding
- Helen Elizabeth Stewart – for services to neighbourhood planning in Thame, Oxfordshire

Queen's Police Medal

- Brendan O'Dowda

Queen's Birthday Honours revealed

MORE than 20 people with links to Oxfordshire have been recognised for their work in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

A fireman who helped deal with the city's winter floods, an assistant chief constable at Thames Valley Police and a serving officer based at RAF Benson are among those honoured from the county.

Firefighter Gary Mattingley, from Bicester, has been given a British Empire Medal in recognition for his flood management work in Oxford.

His idea to use binding hose to capture and stop water from flood plains reaching homes and roads resulted in Botley Road staying open in February.

It is now known as the 'Oxford Method', and has been submitted to central government as a national example model.

"I was absolutely shocked and overwhelmed when a letter with 'On Her Majesty's Service' came through my door informing me of the award of the British Empire Medal," said Gary.

"The water running through each hose on the Botley Road weighed about a tonne, so they acted as a solid dam supported by sandbags.

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"I came up with the idea but it was my Fire and Rescue Service colleagues who implemented it and clearly the successful outcome was the result of excellent teamwork."

Assistant chief constable Brendan O'Dowda has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal for his service with the Thames Valley force.

Brendan, who lives in Kidlington, said he was "thrilled" and "humbled" to receive the award.

He said: "All I have ever wanted to do since the age of 16 when I

joined the police cadets was to come to work to protect the public, make a difference and lock up the bad guys.

"It's just great to be recognised for making that difference.

"I couldn't have done this without the love and support of my family, including my wife Nichola and our children.

"And I also couldn't have done it without my professional and brave colleagues over the years, who also go out of their way to protect the public."

Group Captain Victoria Gosling has been appointed as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her commitment to RAF Benson and to adaptive sports.

During her time at RAF Ben-

son, Victoria has secured £2m of funding for single living accommodation blocks, filling important civilian posts, and a major refurbishment of 599 sub-standard houses for military families.

She has also been an important figure in the success of adaptive sports across the Armed Forces, and an integral part of bringing the Invictus Games for wounded servicemen to the UK this September.

"I am both thoroughly shocked and delighted to be awarded the OBE," said Victoria.

"I am passionate about my work and always strive to give my all to every project.

"To receive this award in recognition of that is wonderful."



• (From left to right) Brendan O'Dowda, Gary Mattingley and Victoria Gosling

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Burglary attempt

OXFORD: A burglar left an Oxford home empty handed after a woman confronted him.

At 10.20am on June 6, the victim was in her front garden on Ashurst Way when a man distracted her.

A second man entered the house, but met the victim's granddaughter who told the offender to leave.

Any witnesses should call PC Stuart Robertson on 101.

Dementia Friends

OXON: Members of the public are being encouraged to sign up to become a Dementia Friend tomorrow.

The session, held at County Hall, on New Road, Oxford, from midday to 1pm, will be run by the Alzheimer's Society and Public Health England.

Oxfordshire County Council is backing the scheme, which will provide people with information about how they can support people with dementia.

To book a place, email Ashley Sellwood at ashley.sellwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Hotel wins award

OXFORD: The Randolph has been named 'Hotel of the Year' at an awards ceremony.

The Beaumont Street hotel, owned by the Macdonald Hotels' group, won the award at the company's national ceremony.

Carer jailed for defrauding terminally ill woman of £70k



A CARER from Kidlington who stole over £70,000 from a terminally ill woman and used the cash for gambling has been jailed.

Wassim Al Ashkar, 32, of Oxford Road, Kidlington, was sentenced to two-and-a-half years after admitting to stealing £71,450 from a 67-year-old with multiple sclerosis.

Al Ashkar was employed as a full-time live-in carer for the victim between 2011 and 2013.

After he left his role in March 2013, a relief carer noticed irregularities with the victim's finances.

Oxford Crown Court heard that an investigation discovered that Al Ashkar had used the victim's bank cards to steal £71,450 from

City council loan to fund new solar panel projects

By Jack Johnson

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SOLAR panels are to be installed on schools across the county after Oxford City Council approved a £2.3million loan towards renewable projects last week.

The OxFutures Community Fund, which is attracting investment to develop energy efficiency projects, will receive the loan.

Social enterprise group Low Carbon Hub will use the cash to work with schools and businesses to introduce renewable energy projects, including over 25 solar panel schemes.

Over 1MW of solar panels will be installed on over 20 primary and secondary schools, generating 875MWh of electricity per year.

Oxford City Council is also set to benefit from the investment and could see a return of £33,000.

City councillor John Tanner, board member for Transport and a Cleaner Greener Oxford, said: "There are three very good reasons for Oxford City Council to make this investment.

"The huge environmental benefits in terms of carbon reduction, the benefits to the business and schools receiving our support and the good

financial investment for the city council.

"Once again Oxford is leading the way and helping to provide a bright and sustainable future for our residents."

The OxFutures project was launched in January and received a £1.2m grant from Intelligent Energy Europe.

As well as the city council, local communities can also invest in projects through share-offers.

Dr Barbara Hammond, CEO of Low Carbon Hub, said she hopes between 20 and 25 schools and three businesses will have solar

panels by the end of the year.

She added: "There are getting on for 300 schools in the county, some of which already have solar panels which they funded themselves.

"Our immediate focus will be on getting all the city schools, which are suitable for panels, included in the scheme, and there are about 36 schools either within the city

boundary or just outside that we haven't done yet."

Dr Hammond continued: "This money is enough to cover the initial pipeline that we have got in progress at the moment.

"We will look to put out a share offer to the community in September and therefore pay off the money, making it available for the next set of projects."

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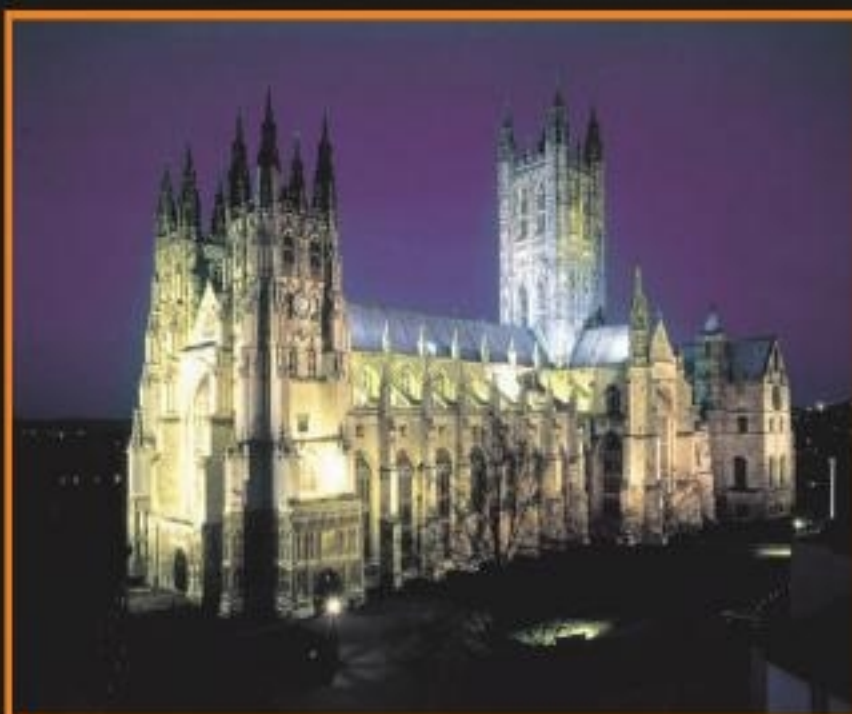
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Love in the Wild West

THE major new production of Irving Berlin's classic musical 'Annie Get Your Gun' shoots its way to Oxford's New Theatre from Tuesday.

Consisting of timeless classic songs, the musical tells the story of Wild West female sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her romantic relationship with fellow cowboy Frank Butler.

It stars Jason Donovan as Frank, the popular actor who has previously appeared in hit musicals such as 'The Sound of Music' and 'War of the Worlds'.

He said: "I've been very lucky in having some great roles to get my teeth into in the past, but now having the chance to star in the UK premiere production of this award winning version of such a classical musical is very exciting."

"I'm very much looking forward to performing such brilliant songs and appearing alongside a truly great cast as we bring the Wild West to theatres across the country."

Leading lady Emma Williams, who stars as Annie Oakley, joins Jason in

By **Timon Williams**

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the show.

In the past, she has featured in the acclaimed 'Sunset Boulevard' and 'Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street', whilst also being the twice Laurence Olivier Award-nominated star of 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang' and 'Love Story'.

"I'm thrilled to be playing the legendary Annie Oakley alongside Jason and Norman (Pace)," she said.

"Annie Oakley has been played by so many incredible actresses before that it's a privilege to fill those cowgirl boots".

'Annie Get Your Gun' will be shown from June 24 - June 28. For more details, go to newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

• (From left to right) Emma, Jason and Norman perform at the New Theatre next week



Frankie tribute

A TRIBUTE to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons is staged at Henley's Kenton Theatre tomorrow, celebrating the groups greatest hits from the hit musical New Jersey Jukebox.

Songs include 'Big Girls Don't Cry', 'December '63 (Oh What a Night)' and 'Let's Hang On', performed by Matthew Filmore, Richard Campbell, Tim Kay and Daniel Goddard.

It starts at 8pm. Go to kentontheatre.co.uk for more information.

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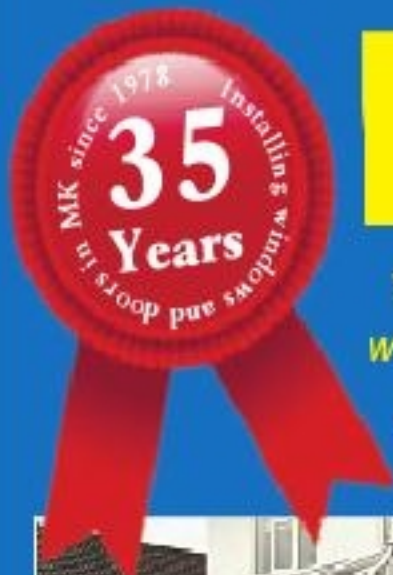
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To celebrate her 30th birthday, Bella has been visiting her 30 favourite venues in the country, hosting a performance with her band The Midnight Watch at each one.

She will be playing tracks from her six solo albums along the way, the most recent of which being last year's 'Battleplan'.

"I'm planning a party!" said Bella. "I'm visiting 30 places which have a special meaning to me, and doing a big mix of songs from my records."

"I was born in Chipping Norton, so I'm really looking forward to coming back."

"We moved up to my home in Edale (Derbyshire) when I was one, so I'm afraid I don't remember being in Oxfordshire, but it seemed really important to include Chipping Norton on a tour marking my 30th birthday."

"I played at Chipping Norton Theatre last February with my four-piece

By Adam Flinn

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fiddle-singing band, and it was such a fun night."

Bella got into folk music as a teenager when she began playing the ceilih, before going on to perform at festivals.

She was crowned the winner of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year award earlier this year, and is currently working on a new album for release in the early part of 2015.

"I'm always writing, jotting down ideas, poems, and little melody lines for songs," Bella added.

"I'm really excited, about my next stage of music making, so I think you will be hearing from me early next year."

Sunday's show starts at 7.45pm, and booking details can be found at chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

• Bella Hardy (Picture: Louis Decarlo)



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NICK Wood's emotive show 'A Girl With a Book' is staged at Oxford's Pegasus Theatre from today.

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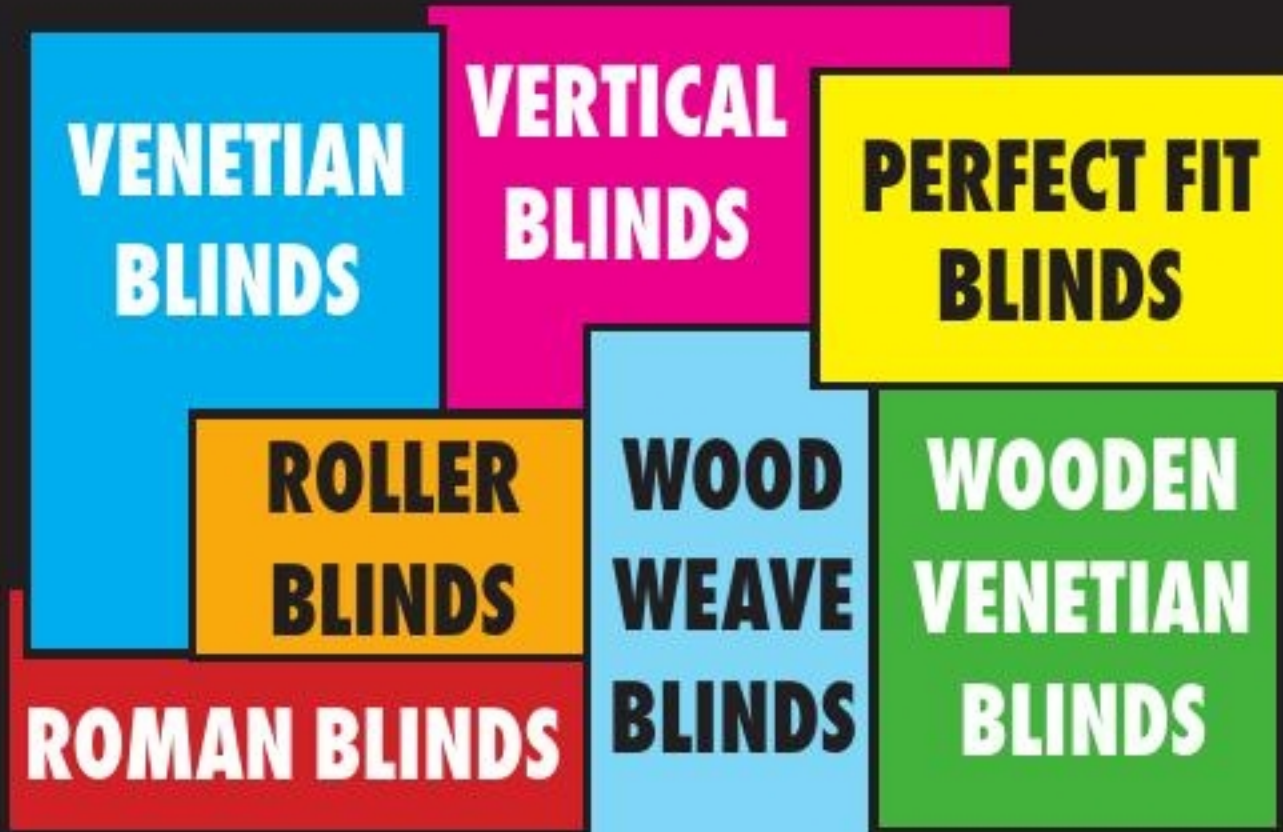
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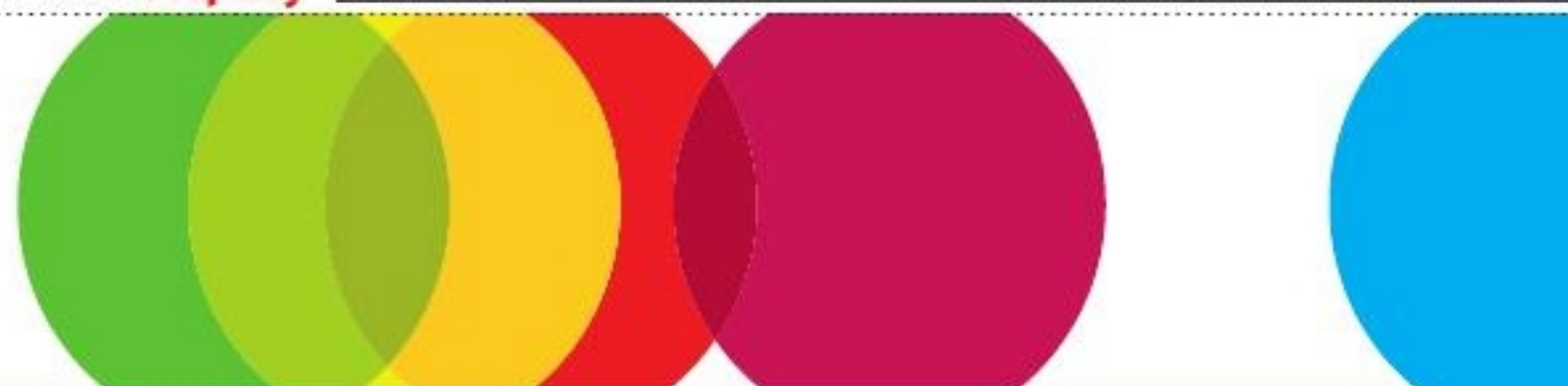
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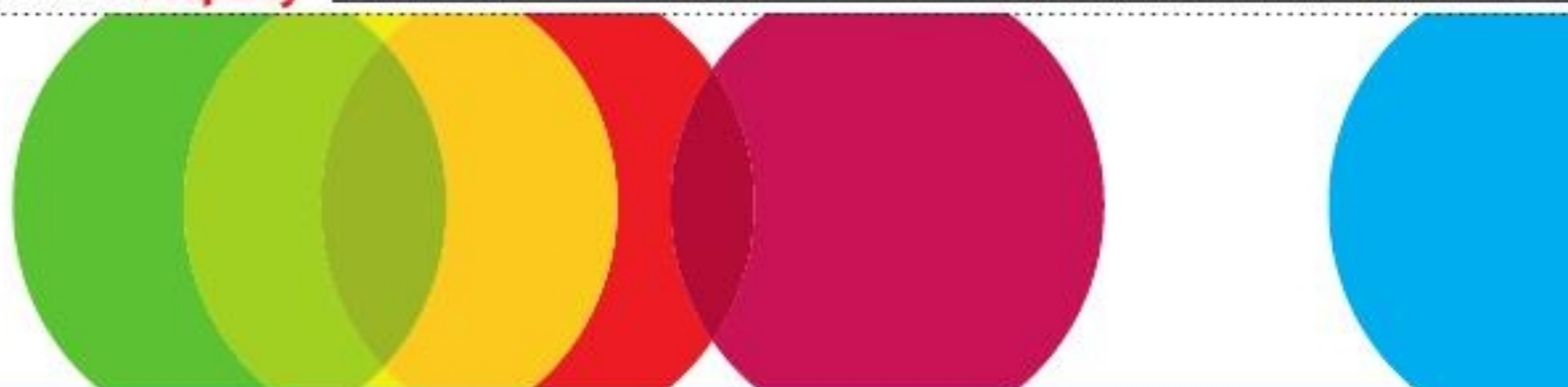
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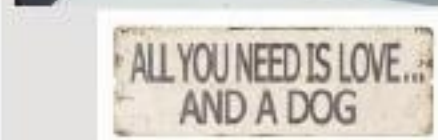
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Its SKYACTIV technology combines low carbon dioxide emissions with fuel economy.

The car company claims it is the reason behind high demand for business drivers.

Due to the success at the recent show, the Japanese giants are expecting a growth of around 30 per cent in its sales in 2014 to 2015.

Mazda says demand for the model has far exceeded expectations.

Head of fleet Steve Tomlinson said: "Miles per gallon from the all-new Mazda3 SKYACTIV-G petrol engines is phenomenal and as average company car mileage reduces many drivers do not require a diesel engine model. Furthermore, businesses and drivers benefit from the lower pump price of petrol."

"Many companies link vehicle choice lists to a monthly lease rate allowance

REVIEW: Mazda3

By James Richings

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and drivers typically select models that deliver the best value for money.

"The combination of power, performance and specification delivered by the Mazda3 petrol engine range twinned with low CO2 and top-notch MPG is proving very attractive when factored against a monthly lease rate, which reflects annual mileage and excellent residual values."

The Mazda3 is in Hatchback and Fastback saloon models.

Tomlinson added: "The Fastback is proving popular amongst company car drivers who prefer coupé-like styling in a mid-sized four-door saloon."

"There is no doubt that diesel-powered Hatchback derivatives of the all-new Mazda3 will remain the most popular among company car drivers. However, the arrival of SKYACTIV technology in the all-new Mazda3 in both Hatchback and Fastback body-styles is changing the market allied to the lifestyles of today's employees."



• The new Mazda3 has proved a bigger hit than first expected

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McNally hopes to earn his wings with the Exiles

AN RAF serviceman has been handed a once in a lifetime opportunity to play in the Aviva Premiership next season with London Welsh.

By Jack Johnson

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Senior aircraftman Josh McNally, a weapons technician based at RAF Brize Norton, joined the Exiles at the end of last week.

The 23-year-old impressed Welsh head coach Justin Burnell while playing against the Exiles for SSE National League 2 South side Henley Hawks in a pre-season friendly last year.

The second-row forward won the Royal Air Force inter-station competition for the second time with Brize Norton this year.

Although he will no longer be on aircraft duty, McNally will still be a part of the RAF, while adjusting to life as a full-time rugby player with the Exiles.

He said: "If somebody had told me 12 months ago (that I would be playing in the Premiership) I probably wouldn't have believed them."

"But the way the season has gone I can't see any reason why I can't pursue this further and play well in the Premiership next year."

"London Welsh have seen me play and they wouldn't sign me for no reason, so I'm really looking

forward to it."

McNally was posted to Lincolnshire in 2010 and played rugby for Peterborough in National 3 Midlands, before moving to Spalding.

In September 2012 he was posted to RAF Brize Norton in conjunction with the Royal Air Force Rugby Union Centre of Excellence Scheme.

He added: "The sport is massive in the military and to see somebody succeed playing in the Premiership is going to be good for the RAF as a whole and for the station."

"Being in the RAF for five years, the attitude that I have here is never giving up and always going forward."

"I don't want to go to London Welsh and have an easy ride, I want to strive to be better and hopefully that comes through on the field as well."

Director of RAF Rugby, Group Capt Chris Moore said: "We look forward to watching Josh develop with London Welsh and hope to see more of our players following a similar route."



• Senior aircraftman Josh McNally has joined London Welsh from Henley Hawks (Picture by Damian Dolan)

Sport Bites

Oxon athletes set for Glasgow

ATHLETICS: Three Oxfordshire athletes will represent England at this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Oxford City AC members Nathan Douglas (triple jump) and Hannah England (1,500m), as well as Lawrence Clarke (100m hurdles), who is from Christmas Common, near Watlington, were selected earlier this week.

The Commonwealth Games begin on July 23.

United handed Bristol City test

FOOTBALL: Oxford United will face Sky Bet League One side Bristol City in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

United will make the trip to Ashton Gate for the first time since 2002 on the week commencing August 11.

As the Oxford Journal went to print, United's fixtures for the up and coming Sky Bet League Two season were announced. See the website for further details.

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Burnell targets further signings in coming weeks

LONDON Welsh head coach Justin Burnell says he is still looking to strengthen his squad despite already adding 15 new faces.

The Exiles announced their retained list for next season's Aviva Premiership campaign on Monday, while the likes of Olly Barkley and Ricky Reeves have joined in recent weeks.

Twenty-three of last season's Greene King IPA Championship winning team have been retained, with Tom May, Matt Corker and Gordon Ross among the big names to stay on.

Burnell said: "Last season's success was based purely on the squad environment we created at the club."

"We rotated our squad throughout the season and never fielded the same starting 15 in consecutive games."

"In regard to new signings at the club, we have confirmed 15 additions to our squad for next season, but I would reiterate that we are still actively looking to further strengthen."

The Exiles have released 25 players, including Joe Ajuwa, Tyson Keats, Sonny Parker and Hudson Tonga'uiha.

And Burnell was full of praise for the players who helped the Exiles return to the Premiership at the first time of asking.

"I'd like to thank all of the boys who are leaving the club this summer and wish them all the very best for the future," he said.



• Justin Burnell (Picture by Martin John)

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PREMIERSHIP RUGBY IN OXFORD - BE A PART OF IT

Positive Catalunya test makes race result a "mystery"



• Bradley Smith was second quickest in testing at the Circuit de Catalunya on Monday (Picture courtesy of Tech3)

SMITH IS UPBEAT

OXFORD'S Bradley Smith left Catalunya in a positive mood after an encouraging day of testing in Barcelona earlier this week.

After the disappointment of finishing 10th in the Catalunya Grand Prix last Sunday, Smith took to the track just a day later for testing and finished second quickest behind world champion Marc Marquez.

By **Jack Johnson**

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The 23-year-old completed 75 laps of the Circuit de Catalunya, setting a time of 1:41.224, just 0.040 seconds slower than the Repsol Honda rider.

Sunday's race was a mystifying one for Smith, who started

eighth on the grid, as a lack of confidence with the setup saw him finish 10th after losing four places on the first lap.

However, the Monster Yamaha Tech3 rider cut a happier figure after Monday's test and heads to round eight at Assen, the Netherlands, on June 28, in higher spirit.

"All in all testing was really positive, as we achieved everything

we set out to as well as clarifying a few mysterious problems from the race," he said.

"I felt a lot more comfortable on the bike plus I did 75 laps with my fastest time at the end which was even quicker than what I was able to achieve in the GP."

Smith used the day to work on geometry settings, electronics, engine braking and a new tyre supplied by Bridgestone.

He added: "For me to be able to do a 41.2 lap time is really encouraging and I am definitely happy with the results."

"Now, I am looking forward to going to Assen to see how this new information we have gathered can be of benefit."

Last Saturday's race was an eventful one and came down to an exciting climax with Marquez, teammate Dani Pedrosa and the

Yamaha factory pairing of Valentino Rossi and Jorge Lorenzo all fighting for the win.

Marquez ultimately won the race, making it seven out of seven for 2014 and increasing his lead in the championship to 58 points.

However, Marquez's rivals will be feeling upbeat about ending the 21-year-old's dominance with Rossi finishing only half a second behind the Spaniard.



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